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NOTE FOR: Charlie Allen, NIO/CT

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SUBJECT: M/H: Syria's Role in International Terrorism

*Charlie,*

Bob asked me to pass the following comments on this M/H to you. They concern the arguments on pps. 14, 15, and 16 about the relationship between Syria, Libya and Iran. The draft states that we do have evidence that the three countries are working together to coordinate attacks and operational planning and goes on to hint that longstanding rivalries are pulling them even further apart. He believes that this judgment probably overlooks a more loosely designed sense of cooperation and coordination among the three that is, indeed, valid, and is concerned that we not fall into the same trap as we did on the Soviet terrorism estimate. While there may not be any actual coordination of operations, officials in each country engage in mutual support of each other's terrorist practices and almost certainly look for ways to take advantage of operations planned by the others, particularly those they have prior knowledge of. In sum, he thinks we could be a little tougher-minded on the question of coordination and cooperation in this draft. *not*

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